

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, November 10, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W025 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Senate Chair  
Rep. David N. Cox, House Chair  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Sen. David L. Thomas  
Sen. Carlene Walker  
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro  
Rep. Karen W. Morgan  
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff  
Rep. Peggy Wallace

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Jeff Alexander  
Rep. Dana C. Love

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of related materials can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov) or by contacting the committee secretary, Glenda Whitney, at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting is available from the committee secretary.

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shurtliff moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2004. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Thomas, Rep. Goodfellow, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Morgan absent for the vote.

**2. Draft Legislation, "Funding For Tourism"**

Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel, distributed and reviewed draft legislation, "Funding for Tourism."

Mr. David Harmer, Executive Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, discussed what percentage of revenues will go to promoting state parks in Utah. He commented on the representatives that will be appointed from the various geographical areas throughout the state.

Ms. Leigh Von Der Esch, Director, Community and Economic Development Film Commission, responded to questions regarding the revenues that will be used to promote tourism throughout the state.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved on page 3, line 71, to delete the comma after Salt Lake and insert "or" and delete "Morgan" and on line 72, after "Cache," insert "Morgan."

After committee discussion, Sen. Hale withdrew her motion.

Ms. Nanette Anderson, Executive Director, The Utah Tourism Industry Coalition, commented that the geographic destinations in the draft were agreed to by the drafting committee and the Utah Association of Counties.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to adopt "Funding for Tourism" as a committee bill. The motion passed, with Rep. Goodfellow voting in opposition. Sen. Walker was absent for the vote.

### **3. Report and Draft Legislation from the Motion Picture Task Force**

Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair, Motion Picture Task Force, reported on the study and actions of the Motion Picture Task Force for the 2004 Interim. She presented an overview of draft legislation, "Motion Picture Incentive Fund" that was distributed in the committee mailing packet.

Mr. Mark Renda, Director, Industrial Assistance Fund, briefed the Committee on incentives and returns on investments to the state as related to the draft legislation.

**MOTION:** Rep. Morgan moved to adopt draft legislation, "Motion Picture Incentive Fund" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Walker absent for the vote.

### **4. Draft Legislation, "Economic Development Incentives"**

Mr. Wilson presented an overview on the draft legislation that was distributed in the committee mailing packet.

Rep. Brad Dee and Mr. Renda responded to questions on the proposed economic development zones and tax incentives in the draft legislation.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to adopt draft legislation, "Economic Development Incentives" as a committee bill. The motion passed, with Rep. Hughes voting in opposition.

### **5. Draft Legislation, "Department of Workforce Services - Access to Financial Records"**

Mr. Christopher Love, Director, Unemployment Insurance, referred to the draft legislation, "Department of Workforce Services - Access to Financial Records" that was distributed in the Committee mailing packet. He presented a brief history on this issue and noted where the department is today on access to financial records. He explained why the department recommended that the authority be restored.

Mr. Craig Bunker, Legal Counsel, Department of Workforce Services, clarified how the department processes requests.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thomas moved to adopt draft legislation, "Department of Workforce Services - Access to Financial Records" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Draft Legislation, "Department of Workforce Services Amendments"**

Mr. Michael Sullivan, Director, Legislative Relations, presented an overview on the draft legislation, "Department of Workforce Services Amendments" that was distributed in the committee supplemental mailing packet.

Ms. Lynette Rasmussen, Director, Office of Child Care, explained the technical amendments of the child care provision in the draft legislation.

**MOTION:** Rep. Goodfellow moved to adopt draft legislation, "Department of Workforce Services Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Draft Legislation, "Department of Workforce Services - Work Experience and Training Programs"**

Ms. Suzan Pixton, Attorney, Adjudication Division, Department of Workforce Services, presented an overview on the draft legislation, "Department of Workforce Services - Work Experience and Training Programs" that was distributed in the committee supplemental mailing packet.

Ms. Tani Pack Downing, new Chair of the Workforce Appeals Board, was available to respond to committee questions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to adopt draft legislation, "Department of Workforce Services - Work Experience and Training Programs" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Thomas and Sen. Walker absent for the vote.

**8. Draft Legislation, "Venture Capital Enhancement Act Amendments"**

Rep. Peggy Wallace noted that recommendations have been received on the act and explained that they are in the process of researching proposed draft legislation. She noted that legislation will be prepared for the 2005 General Session.

**9. Followup on FEP (Family Employment Program) Report**

Ms. Karen Silver, Salt Lake Community Action, distributed and reviewed a handout, "Eroding Value of FEP Grant Leaves Utah Families Vulnerable" that was revised from a previous meeting.

**10. "Covered at Work" Proposal for Waiver Amendment**

Ms. Judy Hilman, Health Policy Director, Utah Issues, distributed and reviewed the handout, "Utah Issues, Fact Sheet" and explained why she felt the program is not functioning properly. She asked for recommendations on the program and said that legislation is in the process of being drafted.

Mr. Michael Hales, Director for "Covered at Work," Department of Health, commented on the recommendations for increasing the premiums for the program.

Ms. Hilman distributed a packet of information "Making Sense of Utah Medicaid" that clarifies policy options for fiscal years 2005-2006.

#### **11. Other Items / Adjourn**

Sen. Walker reported on the Workforce Services / Education working group's discussions and noted that legislation will be drafted for the 2005 General Session.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Hughes absent for the vote. Chair Cox adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.